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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS

1. (Currently amended) Method A method for dispensing a liquid fragrance fragrances, comprising:

by using providing a device with

at least one delivery unit,

at least one supply line [[(2)]] for supplying the fragrance to the at least one delivery unit [[(4, A)]], wherein the supplied fragrance is converted to an aerosol by applying an electric charge,

a high-voltage unit [[(5)]] connected to the <u>at least one</u> delivery unit [[(4, A)]] for applying [[the]] <u>an</u> electric charge to the fragrance <u>for</u> converting the supplied fragrance to an aerosol, <u>and</u>

a controller (6), and at least one shutoff and actuating element [[(3, P, V)]] connected with the controller (6) for shutting off the supply line [[(2)]], and further

element [[(3, P, V)]] and the high-voltage unit (5) are activated with a time offset relative to each other, thereby reducing a quantity of the fragrance disposed inside the supply line [[(2)]] between the <u>at least one</u> shutoff and actuating element [[(3, P, V)]] and the <u>at least one</u> delivery unit [[(4, A)]].

2. (Currently amended) Method The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the fragrance is distributed by first activating wherein the high-voltage unit [[(5)]] is activated before and then opening the at least one shutoff and actuating element [[(3, P, V)]] is opened.

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3. (Currently amended) Method The method according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that when the distribution and further terminating or interrupting delivery of the fragrance from the at least one delivery unit by first closing is concluded and/or interrupted, the at least one shutoff and actuating element before deactivating (3, P, V) is closed first, whereafter the high-voltage unit (5) is deactivated.

- 4. (Currently amended) Method The method according to one of the claims 1 to 3, characterized in that a claim 1, wherein the high electric voltage unit applies a voltage in a range between 0.5 kV and 25 kV is applied to the at least one delivery unit [[(4, A)]].
- 5. (Currently amended) Method The method according to claim 1 [[4]], characterized in that the applied wherein the high electric voltage unit applies a voltage [[is]] in a range between 1.5 kV and 6 kV to the at least one delivery unit.
- 6. (Currently amended) Method The method according to claim 4 [[or 5]], characterized in that and further maintaining the high electric voltage is maintained at a constant level, and controlling whereas the volume flow of the fragrance is controlled via the at least one shutoff and actuating element [[(3, P, V)]] to adjust a volume flow rate of the fragrance.
- 7. (Currently amended) Method The method according to claim 6, wherein characterized in that the volume flow rate is adjusted changed by controlling a micropump [[(3, P)]].

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8. (Currently amended) Method The method according to claim 7, characterized in that the wherein the maximum delivery volume flow rate of the micropump [[(3, P)]] is adjusted to [[be]] have a maximum value that is smaller than or equal to [[the]] a delivery capacity of the at least one delivery unit [[(4, A)]].

- 9. (Currently amended) Method The method according to one of the claims 1 to 8, characterized in that each claim 1, wherein different ones of the at least one delivery unit (A1, A2, A3) is are supplied with a different fragrance, and wherein the different fragrances are separately converted into aerosols by separately controlling the time offset timing or volume.
- 10. (Currently amended) Method The method according to one of the claims 1 to 9, characterized in that claim 1, and further withdrawing the fragrance is withdrawn via the at least one supply line [[(2)]] from an exchangeable fragrance reservoir [[(1)]] having a flexible casing.
- 11. (Currently amended) Device A device for dispensing a liquid fragrance, comprising: carrying out the method according to one of the claims 1 to 10, with at least one supply line (2) for supplying the fragrance to

at least one delivery unit [[(4, A)]],

at least one supply line for supplying the fragrance to the at least one delivery unit,

wherein the supplied fragrance is converted to an aerosol by applying an electric charge, a high-voltage unit [[(5)]] connected to the at least one delivery unit [[(4, A)]] for applying [[the]] an electric charge to the fragrance for converting the supplied fragrance to an aerosol, a controller (6), and

at least one shutoff and actuating element (3, P, V) connected with the controller (6) for shutting off the supply line [[(2)]], characterized in that

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a micropump (3, P) is provided which affects the for adjusting a volume flow rate of the fragrance, said micropump having a maximum delivery volume that is smaller than a maximum delivery capacity of the at least one delivery unit, and

a controller for controlling the at least one shutoff and actuating element or the micropump, or a combination thereof,

wherein the maximal delivery volume of the micropump (3, P) is smaller than the maximum delivery capacity of the delivery unit (4, A), controller activates the high-voltage unit and the micropump with a time offset so that as to reduce an amount of the fragrance disposed inside the at least one supply line [[(2)]] between the at least one shutoff and actuating element [[(3, P, V)]] and the at least one delivery unit (4, A) can be reduced by activating the high-voltage unit (5) and the micropump (3, P) with a time offset.

- 12. (New) The method according to claim 6, wherein different ones of the at least one delivery unit are supplied with a different fragrance, and wherein the different fragrances are separately converted into aerosols by separately controlling the volume flow rate.
- 13. (New) The device of claim 11, further comprising a plurality of reservoirs, each reservoir connected to the at least one delivery unit by a dedicated micropump, with the controller controlling the dedicated micropumps.
- 14. (New) The device of claim 13, wherein the reservoirs are exchangeable and have a flexible casing.

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15. (New) The device of claim 11, further comprising a reservoir containing the frangrance, wherein the reservoir is exchangeable and has a flexible casing.

- 16. (New) The device of claim 11, wherein the high voltage unit supplies a voltage in a range between 0.5 kV and 25 kV.
- 17. (New) The device of claim 11, wherein the high voltage unit supplies a voltage in a range between 1.5 kV and 6 kV.